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SUBJ: ALLEGED NORTH KOREAN KIDNAPPING ATTEMPT

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- 1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN ASKED BY UPI ABOUT POSSIBLE KIDNAP ATTEMPT ON PAIK KUN-WOO, SOUTH KOREAN PIANIST, WHILE HE WAS IN YUGOSLAVIA JULY 29 AND 30. SO FAR EMBASSY HAS ONLY CORRECTED ORIGINAL UPI VERSION SAYING THAT EVENTS TOOK PLACE IN ZAGREB, NOT BELGRADE.
- 2. IN RESPONSE TO ANY FURTHER INQUIRIES, EMBASSY SPOKESMAN WILL CONFIRM THAT PAIK, A PERMANENT RESIDENT OF THE U.S., DID VISIT THE U.S. CONSULATE IN ZAGREB WHERE HE MET WITH A CONSULATE OFFICER. AT PAIK'S REQUEST, THE CONSULATE OFFICER ASSISTED HIM IN MAKING ARRANGEMENTS TO LEAVE YUGOSLAVIA. WE WILL EMPHASIZE THAT TREATMENT GIVEN PAIK WAS SAME AS THAT WHICH WOULD BE GIVEN ANY AMERICAN CITIZEN OR PERMANENT RESIDENT OF THE U.S. IF ASKED, EMBASSY WILL CONFIRM THAT THERE WERE CONTACTS BETWEEN CONSULATE OFFICER AND POLICE UNCLASSIFIED

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